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ALLEGED SWINDLER.

Party of Parisians Claim to Have Lost Fifty Thousand Dollars.

(Associated Press.)

Winnipeg, May 27.—A party of Parisians, Count de Saint Phalle, Baron de Peaulle, M. H. Morin and M. Epieand, who sent an agent ahead to purchase land and buildings for a French dairy at St. Norbert, Man., claim to have been swindled out of \$50,000 by their man. They made extensive purchases of necessary machinery in France before coming to Canada. As a forerunner they sent an agent ahead of them to purchase improved farm lands, cattle and buildings necessary to start operations, and in him they vested the power to draw on them to the extent of \$50,000. With this money he was to start the industry going, and was then to await their arrival with the machinery. On their landing at St. Norbert, they were disgusted to find that instead of their agent being there with farm, buildings and stock, already purchased, that he was non est. They had a title to "all and certain land lying," etc. The lands were, however, what is commonly known as hay land, or plain virgin prairie. The inconvenience and unnecessary expense to which they are being put by the alleged swindler of their agent has put them in no pleasant mood, and may be instrumental in causing their return to France with-

out carrying out their extensive project, which would have been of great benefit to the province.

SIX PEOPLE KILLED

During the Automobile Race From the French Capital.

Paris, May 25.—It is now possible to assemble from the many reports along the route of the first stage of the Paris-Madrid automobile race a complete list of casualties. This shows six persons killed, three so dangerously injured that they may die, and ten seriously injured. A carefully revised list of the dead follows: Pierre Roderic, Mr. Barrows's machinist; collision with a tree near Lourdes; Nixon, Mr. Porter's machinist; burned under automobile. Normand, M. Tourand's machinist, at Angouleme. Dupuy, soldier, at Angouleme. Callion, cyclist, at Angouleme. Unknown peasant woman, at Ables.

Another Death.

Poitier, France, May 27.—Marcel Renault, who was injured by the overturning of his automobile during the first stage of the Paris-Madrid race, died after midnight at Couleuvre, from the effect of the injuries which he sustained. Renault never recovered full consciousness from the time Maurice Farman found him stretched out beside the track.

THREE MINISTERS LEAVE THE CABINET

The Premier Relieves Two Colleagues of Their Portfolios---Hon. Mr. McInnes Tenders Resignation.

Premier Prior has dismissed Hon. D. M. Eberts, Attorney-General, and Hon. W. C. Wells, Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works.

Provincial Secretary Hon. W. W. B. McInnes has resigned.

The First Minister is in turn charged with a serious offence.

Premier Prior has anticipated the report of the special committee appointed to investigate the Columbia & Western land scandal, and yesterday afternoon he asked for the resignations of two of the ministers most intimately associated with that deal, namely, Messrs. Eberts and Wells. This step is believed to be but the prelude to stirring events which will mark the opening of the House today, for the two ministers concerned are not disposed to accept their degradation meekly and are preparing a counter statement with which to meet the announcement of the First Minister when the House opens.

It is expected that upon the resumption of business to-day the committee mentioned will table the result of its deliberations. The members of the committee are pledged to secrecy, but the precipitate action of Col. Prior has given further color to the rumor that they will report adversely against the government as a whole, but particularly against Messrs. Eberts and Wells. The Premier probably obtained some hint of the proposed action of the committee, for as far as can be learned he took summary steps to rid his cabinet of the two colleagues referred to without consulting his other advisers, or of acquainting the Governor with his course.

The letters which the Premier sent to the Attorney-General and Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works are said to have been very similar in character. He upbraids them with the course they

have pursued in connection with the Columbia & Western matter, but oddly enough he lays particular stress upon the inefficiency of the two departments.

It is stated that in his letter to Hon. Mr. Eberts the Premier alluded to the course of the Attorney-General on bill 16, and said that he expected the Attorney-General, if he was unable to support that measure, to resign.

It is said that Mr. Eberts will in his reply contend that he placed his portfolio at the disposal of the First Minister on that occasion, and in fact flourished it in the face of the Premier, but was persuaded by that minister to remain in his department.

The turn events have now taken is interpreted by the two ministers concerned as merely an attempt on the part of Col. Prior to place the onus of responsibility belonging to all on the shoulders of two, and to trench himself at the expense of his other ministers.

The Premier's action complicates the position of the Lieutenant-Governor, and the question on all lips now is, what course will he take? Messrs. Wells and Eberts and their friends declare that Col. Prior knew a year ago all the facts which have now been disclosed, but that it served his purpose at that time to retain them be-

cause only in that way could he retain office.

With a majority of but two or three, the Premier will take big chances when

he to-day publicly reads two of his ministers out of the party, and drives their votes to an opposition which will not be slow to push an advantage, and if possible a vote of want of confidence.

This morning another disquieting feature was added to the situation by the resignation of the Provincial Secretary, Hon. W. W. B. McInnes.

The upbraided ministers will not meekly submit to the judgment of the Premier, but, on the contrary, will, it is said, upon the first opportunity in the House defend their conduct of the departments over which they preside, and will also call to the attention of their leader that he has not been the impersonation of perfection in the administration of affairs.

Among the members of the House a revulsion of feeling is felt at the course pursued by Premier Prior. In making two members the scapegoats for the sins of the administration the First Minister has incurred opposition even on his own side of the House. The action is regarded as cowardly and they will not allow him to divert from himself the blame which attaches to him in the matter. The various moves in the subsidy transaction are looked upon as executive act and should be shouldered by the administration.

Col. Prior by his dismissal of the Attorney-General and the Chief Commissioner before the report was presented from the committee is regarded as prejudging and attempting to clear himself in any complicity in the matter by attracting all the attention to these two ministers in question. As one member puts it: "It's a case of pronouncing judgment while the jury is out."

The opposition is united in protesting against this course. In doing so they do not attempt to screen either of the ministers whose connection seemed closer with the matter than the others, but they cannot excuse the transfer of all the iniquity to these two.

This is especially true when they consider that the Premier in his evidence before the select committee condoned the action of his government last session in keeping the House in ignorance of the true condition of affairs.

Last evening, after the arrival of the Charmer and of the Victoria Terminal train, the opposition members from the Mainland joined those already in the city, and a caucus was held in the Imperial hotel. The situation as it then existed was fully gone into, and a line of action decided upon. John Oliver was not present, he not having arrived from

ANOTHER SCANDAL?

A special dispatch from Vancouver says: "The News-Advertiser editorially to-day refers to local rumors that Premier Prior, when acting Chief Commissioner last year, awarded a contract to his firm for the cable for Chinney Creek bridge."

"The article states that the rumor asserts that Premier Prior's company's tender was made after other tenders were put in and their figures known, the company then making a lower offer."

"The article continues that it does not believe the Premier could be guilty of such malfeasance in office as the rumor ascribes to him, and, therefore, takes cognizance of the report so as to give Premier Prior an opportunity of refuting it by having the matter investigated by an impartial tribunal."

On making enquiries to learn if there was any foundation for these reports, the following is gleaned from a gentleman who came from the Terminal City recently: In September last, it is alleged, a Vancouver agent was requested by the lands and works department to tender for wire rope, etc., in accordance with certain specifications for Chinney Creek bridge. This he sent to the department on September 30th. On December 19th he was advised by the department that the contract had been awarded to E. O. Prior & Co.

The length of time that elapsed between the sending in of his tender and the advice of the department awarding the contract awakened his suspicions, so he started on a still hunt for information. Bit by bit certain facts came to his knowledge. He learnt, as he states, that Messrs. Prior & Co. called for prices after the tenders had been opened, and then that a clerk from that firm had access to the tenders, which enabled them to put in a lower bid, and thus secure the contract, when Mr. Wells returned.

Delta. All agreed to put up a united fight against the Prior administration and to hasten its defeat. While their exact line of action has not yet been made known, it is certain that it will be practically a demand for an unconditional surrender by Premier Prior.

This morning the situation was still further complicated by the action of the Provincial Secretary in tendering his resignation to the Premier. Hon. Mr. McInnes, who is entirely independent of any complicity in the Columbia & Western subsidy matter, has taken this decisive step in order to hasten a solution of the present complications. He favors an early appeal to the country upon party lines as the proper course to be pursued. His resignation, he thinks, will hasten this. There is necessity for main items of supply being voted. In order to see the necessary estimates voted he is prepared as a member of the House to support the government in getting this granted. Further than that he is not prepared to go.

The committee inquiring into the subsidy matter will not likely be ready to report until late in the afternoon. It was engaged until late last night, and again this morning was busily taken up with their work. The statement of the conditions which they are satisfied existed was agreed upon last evening. This morning they were engaged reaching a finding with respect to the government in general and the two ministers in particular.

With a united opposition and serious defection on the government side the Premier's defeat in the House is assured.

For a few days nothing but sensation after sensation is expected, a thing not altogether unknown in British Columbia politics.

This morning all was excitement about the House. Tete-a-tetes were in progress in all parts of the committee rooms and corridors, and even states of possible ministers were being prepared. The consensus of opinion seemed to be that the Governor would not in face of the circumstances grant the Premier a dissolution, and that in the event of his refusing to do so he will almost certainly follow constitutional practice and send for the leader of the opposition to form a ministry.

To offset this action, Mr. Martin, who came down last night, is prepared, so it is stated, to give his support to the discredited ministry, and he was conducting

an active lobby this morning presumably to that end.

Chas. Wilson, the titular leader of the Conservative party in British Columbia, arrived on the scene this morning ready to play Cincinnatus should the country give him the sign.

Mr. Oliver, to whom the credit for the utter collapse of the government is due, was not on hand to-day, having gone home for a few days' well earned rest after the exacting labor of the special committee.

Mr. Neill is not on hand, but is paired with Mr. Munro.

Messrs. E. C. Smith and W. H. Hay-



HON. D. M. EBERTS.

ward, it is reported, will oppose the government.

Smith Curtis is disposed to take up the cudgels on behalf of Mr. Wells, whom he regards as misused, and may address the House to that effect.

Hon. D. M. Eberts's political life began with his election to the legislature in 1891. At the elections of 1894, 1898 and 1900 he was returned. From 1893 to 1898 he held the office of Attorney-General in the Turner government until its dismissal. In 1900 he accepted the same office in Hon. J. Dunsmuir's government, and retained his portfolio when Col. Prior became Premier.

Hon. W. C. Wells was elected to the House in 1890. In 1900 he was appointed Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works on the organization of the Dunsmuir government. He was sworn in a member of the Prior cabinet on November 22nd, last year.

Hon. W. W. B. McInnes entered the Prior administration as President of the Council last November. When D. Murphy resigned his portfolio as Provincial Secretary a few days after being sworn in, Mr. McInnes was appointed to the vacancy.

THE CUMBERLAND FIRE.

Man in Custody—Warrants Issued For Two Others.

(Special to the Times.)

Nanaimo, May 27.—As a result of an inquiry as to the origin of the fire at Cumberland, which destroyed the stables belonging to the Wellington Colliery Company, one man is now under arrest and warrants have been issued for two others, charging them with setting fire to the buildings. The case will come up before the magistrate to-morrow.

Mr. Dunsmuir will arrive at Ladysmith some time to-day, when it is expected he will give his answer to terms of settlement submitted through the commissioners.

S. Mottishaw, charged with using insulting and threatening language to witnesses who testified against Federalism at the recent sittings of the commission, was fined \$5 and costs at Ladysmith, the case being disposed of under the Vagrancy Act.

SUNK IN COLLISION.

British Steamer Foundered and Twenty-Two Austrians and Italians Lost Their Lives.

(Associated Press.)

Antwerp, May 27.—The British steamer Huddersfield, which sailed from this port yesterday evening for Grimsby, Eng., collided with the Norwegian steamer Uto. The Huddersfield is reported to have foundered. From fifteen to twenty of her passengers are said to have been drowned. The crew were saved. The passengers were mostly men returning to England. It is believed they were crushed in the collision. The bows of the Uto were damaged.

A telegram from Grimsby says the Huddersfield carried 29 immigrants and five other steerage passengers. Twenty of the immigrants are missing. The remainder were taken ashore in boats with the crew of the Huddersfield.

Twenty-Two Drowned.
Antwerp, May 27.—Later.—It was ascertained here later that twenty-two Austrian and Italian emigrants perished when the Huddersfield sank.

TREADGOLD CONCESSION.

Mr. Justice Britton Will Be Appointed Commissioner.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, May 27.—Mr. Justice Britton, along with an expert engineer, Emile, will be appointed a commissioner to enquire into the Treadgold concession and other mining leases in the Yukon territory.

PREMIER PRIOR MAKES STATEMENT

LIVELY TIME IN THE HOUSE THIS AFTERNOON

The Premier Briefly Outlines Reasons for Dismissals—The Attorney-General's Reply.

Upon the House assembling this afternoon Premier Prior, immediately after prayers, rose and made a statement which he thought was of great importance to the province. He said in March, 1902, he was asked by Mr. Dunsmuir to join his government upon the direct understanding that he had a railway policy in connection with the northern portion of the province. A railroad policy in connection with that part of the country was of the greatest importance to the province.

Last session, though subsidies were voted, not a sign of a pick or a shovel in railroad construction was to be seen. This showed that subsidies were not sufficient to induce capital to take this up.

A few days after he joined the Dunsmuir government the question of the cancellation of the crown grants to the Columbia & Western came up. This was carried out. He was in accord with most of the members of the government in that.

In November, 1902, Mr. Dunsmuir resigned, and he was called upon to form a government. This he did. He had gone in 1903 with Mr. Eberts to Ottawa in order to get better terms. While in Montreal he had an interview with Sir Thomas Shaughnessy. Sir Thomas told him that the company thought they could make their claim good in the courts of the country. That was his first intimation that the province would be met by such a move as that. When he returned he conferred with his colleagues, and had the support of most of them in taking steps to safeguard the lands to the province.

The government was asked to intervene in connection with parties who were being proceeded against by the Columbia & Western. The government did not intervene, but bill 10 was passed by which the lands were reserved to the province.

In that matter he was opposed by one member of the government, the Attorney-General. It was difficult to go against a man of such learning in the law. Yet, supported by his other colleagues, bill 10 was passed.

The Premier alluded to the investigation and the interest he took in the matter. After following it he found it was impossible for the government to continue as such with such a divergence of opinion.

In a government there must be a divergence of opinion. But in this case he saw that there was not the confidence which should exist among some members of the government. In view of this he reluctantly called for the resignations of two of his ministers. When ministers saw that it was in the public interests it was not a question of their personal feeling, but he must take the bull by the horns.

Hon. W. W. B. McInnes had also handed in his resignation. It had not been accepted, and he had asked the Provincial Secretary to continue to act.

He had acquainted the Lieutenant-Governor with the situation and asked if he would grant him dissolution. His Honor had granted him this, but asked that he should endeavor to have supply granted before this course was taken.

He thought that it was wise to lay this granted.

Mr. Martin asked for a more definite statement. He wanted to know if the House passed a vote of want of confidence would he be granted an appeal to the country.

Premier Prior said that he expected an appeal to the country under any circumstances.

Mr. Martin asked if he had the promise of the Governor to that effect.

Premier Prior said that if the House wanted to defeat him they might do so. He would go to the Lieutenant-Governor and ask a dissolution.

He appealed to the House to grant necessary supply and perhaps pass a few necessary bills, such as the Coal Mines Amendment Act.

Mr. McInnes said that his resignation as handed in this morning was final. He had good reasons for doing so which he did not propose to place before the House now. He was prepared to assist in passing the necessary supply.

The country needed an appeal to the country. Had he seen a chance of carrying on the affairs of the country by the government in a dignified manner he would have remained with it. The events of the past few days showed that this was not to be accomplished, and he considered it his duty to resign.

The necessary supply should be voted, and an appeal should be taken to the country upon party lines.

Mr. Eberts said he did not stand in a very enviable position. He had been asked by his leader to resign, which he had done this morning. He could not have resigned before because his reputation was at stake.

He had opposed the Premier on bill 10, and he was backed by the majority of his supporters.

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CHAMBER TO TAKE UP LARGE SUBJECT

CHAMBERLAIN'S POLICY TO SOLIDIFY EMPIRE

The Business Men's Association Discuss the Transportation Question—Other Matters Before Them.

The Chamber of Commerce held its regular weekly meeting last evening. Consideration of the report on transportation submitted at the last meeting occupied almost the whole evening. Just before the adjournment the president suggested that some means be adopted to lay before members of the chamber an outline of J. Chamberlain's policy of Imperial Federation. It is the intention to get someone thoroughly acquainted with the subject to give a lecture before the association.

Phil. Smith in response to a call for a report from the transportation committee, said that a map of the province was being procured, on which the principal distributing points of British Columbia would be distinctly marked. Since the submission of the report a number of circular letters had been received.

Mr. Houston, on behalf of sub-committee No. 5, stated that last week's visit of the children to local factories had been a successful one, if not more so than previous ones. Continuing, he announced that the regular weekly visits to manufacturing had been cancelled. This had been thought advisable owing to a general opinion among the teachers that at present the pupils should devote their undivided attention to preparation for the forthcoming examinations. The visits, however, would be resumed as soon as possible.

The report on transportation was then taken up clause by clause. Some discussion took place on the action of the transportation committee in imposing a lighterage rate on salmon shipped from Victoria. This discrimination against this city was warmly denounced.

Mr. Laird stated that it was understood that this action was the result of a mistake of the C. P. R. Great Northern and Northern Pacific railways to disregard this city as a terminal point.

The general opinion, however, was that if pressure was brought to bear on these railways they could be induced to alter their decision.

Mr. Smith referred to a clause of the report pointing out the delay of goods shipped from this city to the interior, said that in many instances goods were detained at Vancouver from five to six days, and frequently there was additional delay en route.

Mr. Townsley said he had an order on the way from Brandon for over six weeks.

Mr. Houston asked what was to be the practical outcome of the transportation committee's report.

The chairman explained that after a thorough consideration of the data it was the intention to take such action as will be best calculated to remove all grievances.

Mr. Newton said that in the matter of freight rates his experience in his official connection with Moller & Co. had been that Winnipeg freight could sell at interior points, much lower than the business houses of the coast. As glass could be sold at a cheaper rate here than in Manitoba local firms should be able to compete successfully with the firms of Winnipeg. Had freight rates been equal his firm could have disposed of between \$3,000 and \$5,000 worth of glass which almost invariably occurred.

Speaking of the discrimination in freight rates from Victoria to Calgary Mr. Carter pointed out that first class it was in favor of Winnipeg to the extent of \$20, second class \$40, and third class \$30. When it was considered that

Victoria had the advantage in mileage this discrimination was certainly unfair. Referring to the northern trade Mr. Smith contended that Victoria was considered a way port by transportation companies engaged in that business. American companies made their headquarters at Seattle and the C. P. N. at Vancouver. The recommendation that some of these companies be requested to make this a port of call both in going north and returning was the best way of remedying the matter.

After some further discussion the following concluding clauses of the report were laid over until the next meeting. Shortly and surely it has been made apparent to your committee in their work on transportation that Victoria is losing ground as a factor in distribution. Taken some few years ago as the largest city north of Portland, she now ranks fourth place, the honors being taken from her by two other cities and one Maritime city. Enjoying up to the last few months an isolated position, and with strong and persistent efforts on the part of the national highway to build up a rival state, she has met disadvantages and discriminations that few cities could have withstood. Remedies on the part of her merchants individually and through the board of trade, have been without effect.

In reviewing the past and planning for the future we believe awaits this city, your committee realize that which is now apparent to many of our citizens, namely: That in order to obtain those concessions and considerations which are necessary to free commercial intercourse common to other coast ports, the merchants should stand together, favoring those who favor us, and for the effective carrying out of such policy in the building up of our city, the merchants be approached with a view of appointing a committee in whose hands all routing orders shall be placed for use where they will do the most good.

Shortly afterwards the chamber adjourned.

INTIMIDATION.

Number of Strikers at Montreal Sent to Prison—The Situation.

Montreal, May 26.—Montreal street railway authorities today issued a notice that they expected to operate their full system to-morrow. A large number of their old employees have reported their readiness to return to work, but the company will not treat with them until to-morrow. On some of the lines today a complete service was in operation, while on others a half service was maintained. The company, however, will not run the service after dark. All was quiet to-day. Joseph Limoges, an ex-conductor, was sentenced to six months imprisonment at hard labor by Judge LaSalle, in the magistrate's court, for having committed an assault on Constable Bourgeois on Sunday afternoon. Other strikers charged with intimidation pleaded guilty and were sentenced to from three to fifteen days imprisonment each at hard labor. J. H. Adams, business manager of the Street Railway Employees' Union, and Joseph Montreuil, a conductor, also were remanded for sentence.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

Joseph Fram, 70 years old, employed by "James Matchett," farmer, "Ontonario" district, is charged with having attempted to assault and then murder Lizzie Stewart, 23 years old, the adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Matchett, last Saturday afternoon while the young woman was alone in the house. Charges of coal and coke mine at Fedegai, Pa., killed four men instantly, badly burning seven and slightly injuring a number of others. Several more are missing and are supposed to be still in the mine. The mine is on fire, and it is feared they will be burned to death or suffocated by the smoke.

Premier Balfour has announced that the government was prepared to contribute to the relief of the officers and men of the Antarctic steamer Discovery, now ice-bound in the Antarctic regions. At the same time the Premier criticised the action of the Royal Geographic Society and the Royal Society in sending out the expedition without being fully prepared to safeguard it.

Advertisements for the sale of the timber of 108,000 acres of the lands owned by the Chippewa Indians in Minnesota which almost invariably occurred. The sale will be followed by another covering 200,000 acres. It is estimated that the proceeds from the sales will aggregate \$10,000,000 or \$15,000,000. The money received will go to the Indians.

ENGLISH SENTENCED.

Killed an Artilleryman For Not Saluting Him Properly.

Berlin, May 26.—The state attorney today moved that a sentence of six years imprisonment in a penitentiary and expulsion from the navy be imposed on naval ensign Hussner, who at Kessel, on Good Friday, killed a friend and townsman, Artilleryman Hartman, by running the latter through the back with his sword for not saluting him properly.

The court read a letter which Hussner wrote to his mother from prison, in which he said: "God Almighty will not desert me, because I only acted as I had to. If I am punished, I shall have the glad consciousness of having maintained my honor unimpaired. It is after all the highest gift that a man can possess. I trust in my Redeemer Jesus Christ. My cell was just opened and my dinner was brought in; the food is quite good; my fellow prisoners look with envy upon it." Hussner said that while regretting that his sword strokes killed the artilleryman, he affirmed that he acted within the service instructions, and that he was obliged by honor to compel obedience. The impression made by the prolonged examination of Hussner on the spectators was that his crime was the result of the system of training on material that was dull and passionate, affecting a mind filled with exaggerated ideas of honor.

Hussner was sentenced to four years and one week imprisonment and to degradation.

AUTOMOBILE RACES.

President of Association Suggests That Drivers Be Medically Examined.

Berlin, May 26.—Count de Talleyrand Perigord, president of the middle European Automobile Association, referring to the Paris Madrid automobile race to-day said:

"This is what comes of madness, for I regard it as madness to drive along streets or roads at more than 30 kilometres an hour. A car is a dangerous machine. 'Why, you, Count as a passionate automobilist often go faster than thirty kilometres,' suggested the correspondent."

"Never," replied the Count. "I have spent today in testing automobiles, and I consider it madness to traverse public streets at a higher speed. Automobile races are necessary for the development of perfect machines which we have not got yet, but they should take place over a specially built course. No country road in the world is capable of velocities of one hundred kilometres an hour. A rut in a country road is sufficient to cause a catastrophe. A course specially constructed could have enough signal men to prevent accidents. Such things are impossible on long international courses. We had two thousand signalmen in the Paris Berlin race, and they were not enough."

The Count then told the correspondent of an idea, long considered, which probably will be acted upon officially in Germany, saying: "I affirm that no one should be granted a license to guide an automobile unless he has been medically examined. The driver of an automobile must have a sound heart and iron nerves, and before all must not be given to alcohol." The Count emphasized the assertion that even small quantities of alcohol deprived a man of that perfect physical control, necessary to safely drive an automobile.

VANCOUVER NOTES.

Wet Day For Celebration and Some Events were Called Off.

"It was rather a muddy holiday," says the Ledger. "While Vancouver slept it began to rain, and it never stopped until Vancouver was almost ready to sleep again. Everything arranged for out-of-doors was interfered with by the weather. The weather races were postponed until Saturday, the horses galloped in the mud at Hastings and the riders pierced the soggy atmosphere at Moodyville. That's about the sum total of the holiday."

The King Edward Handicap was the salient feature of the programme at Hastings. A summary of the races follows: First race—2.40 trot or pace, mile heats, 3 in 5. The Primer, 1st; Chief Justice, 2nd. The Primer won in the two straight heats. Time, 3.00 and 3.12. Second race, 4½ furlongs: Elford, 1st; Madcap, 2nd; Mr. McLean, 3rd. Scallawag was scratched. Time, 1.03. Third race, King Edward Handicap, 1½ miles: Dance Along, 1st; Ravine, 2nd; Quiblo, 3rd. Fourth race—Pony handicap, half-mile: Beattie Trimble, 1st; Sleepy Dan, 2nd; Little Maid, 3rd. Fifth race, 7 furlongs handicap: Scallawag, 1st; Barlow, 2nd; Knockings, 3rd. In the expressman's race, catch-weights, J. H. McBride's Ace of Hearts, ridden by Mutrie, won, followed as a close second by A. H. McMoran's Black Prince, Patterson up to W. G. Kip's Fly was third, ridden by Shergood.

About 2.30 p. m. on Sunday the East End of the city was illuminated by flames emanating from the Columbia Laundry, Hastings street, just east of Westminster avenue. The fire started in the rear of the building, which is situated in the midst of a number of wooden structures, including a range of new stores. The firemen prevented the blaze from spreading, and succeeded in getting it under control. The damage to the laundry stock and building will total over \$2,000 and is partly covered by insurance. The laundry was owned by Wo Kee.

The work of visiting the ministers who are to take part in the general assembly of the Presbyterian church is almost completed. The list shows that there will be 400 ministers in attendance.

A big-four work train with a gang of box cars in the Columbia Ohio, yards. Two Italians will die and 10 others were more or less seriously injured as a result.

COULDN'T ESTIMATE ITS VALUE.—Dr. A. H. Wainwright, of the Victoria falls. It takes in thirty minutes, it cures. It is a beacon-light to lead you back to health. W. A. Wainwright, of G. A. R. Wainwright, Pa., says: "Two bottles of Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart entirely cured me of palpitation and smothering spells. Its value cannot be estimated." Sold by Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co.—120



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WITH THE FAIRIES IN WONDERLAND

CHARMING PICTURE JOF CARROLL'S COUNTRY

A Bevy of Children Interpret Nursery Rhymes and Legends at the Victoria Theatre.

"Alice in Wonderland" was staged last evening at the Victoria theatre by a host of children and a few grown-ups, under the auspices of the Daughters of Pity. A great deal of work had been bestowed on the performance, and although there were a number of tireless waifs, the fact that the large majority of the performers were of tender years was ample justification for them. The children were by no means word-perfect in their lines, and the prompter was rather too much in evidence. These defects will doubtless be overcome to a great extent to-night and at the Saturday matinee.

The costumes of the youngsters, however, were capital, and added immensely to the drollery of the whole affair. All the grotesque birds, beasts and flowers, with which Lewis Carroll has peopled his children's paradise, were pictured faithfully, and even the shill shill had their part in the performance.

The quaint nursery rhymes of childhood were delightfully represented. Humpty-Dumpty, Tweedle-Dum and Tweedle-Dee, the walrus and the lion, the unicorn and a host of fairies, elves, etc., all had their places in the play. The mad comments of these and the bewilderment of Alice, which part was well taken by Miss Phyllis Green, kept the house in excellent humor throughout. There were a number of very pretty dances and drills, a garden of sweet flowers, the latter going through the states of motion of the minutes. The bees and rose led in a pretty dance by the queen bee, Miss H. Morrison, and a quaint card drill, which was vigorously applauded.

The major parts were taken by C. Rhodes as King of Hearts, and Mrs. Poff as Queen. Mrs. Herbert Kent had the part of the Duchess, and there were several amusing scenes between her and Mrs. Bury, who was an excellent Mad Hatter. Their cake walk made a hit.

Miss E. Sehl's "Oyster Dance" was another captivating number on the programme, the popular young lady being compelled to respond to a recall.

The performance was concluded by an effective tableau of Britannia just prior to which one of the ladies, Mrs. Simon, recited a short poetic tribute to Lewis Carroll. One of the boxes was occupied during the evening by Dr. Hasell and the nursing staff of the Jubilee hospital, in aid of which the performance was given. The patroness was: His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Lady Joly de Lotbiniere, Rear-Admiral and Mrs. Bickford; His Worship the Mayor and Mrs. McCandless, the Premier and Mrs. Prior, Col. Grant, D. E. C. and Mrs. Grant, Col. Holmes, D. G. C. and Mrs. Holmes, Major and Mrs. A. W. Jones, the United States consul, Hon. A. E. Smith; Col. Hall, of the Fifth Regiment, and the United Auxiliary Societies of the Jubilee hospital.

The principals were: Alice, Miss Phyllis Green; Caterpillar, Jessie Potts; White Rabbit, Master Aubrey Kent; Fish Footman, Master Jack Trace; Frog, Master Boyce Combe; the Duchess, Mrs. Herbert Kent; Cook, Miss Amy Prior; Father William, K. Schofield; Youth and Messenger, Lewis Garrett; Cheshire Cat, "A Voice"; Dormouse, Miss K. Cockrell; King of Hearts, J. M. Bradburn; Queen of Hearts, Mrs. Poff; Knave of Hearts, Napier Hibben; March Hare, Leslie Bell; Carpenter, Mr. Phillips; Walrus, Parker Hibben; Humpty-Dumpty, A. W. Joly de Lotbiniere; White Unicorn, F. White; Tweedle-Dum and Tweedle-Dee, the Misses Joan and Freda Walker; Mock Turtle, W. York; Lobster, S. Booth; Gryphon, L. York. Patriotic Tableau—Britannia, Miss Gladys Green; Peace, Miss Kenny; War, Miss Potts.

The dance of the fairies and elves was by: Fairies—The Misses H. Robertson, M. Kent, G. Jay, R. McB. Smith, M. McB. Smith, C. Macleure, R. Macleure, E. Shaw, K. Shaw, E. Moss, E. Moss, M. Dunsmaile, E. Helmecken, M. Croft, A. Croft.

Elves—The Masters P. Moss, T. Hibben, T. Coldwell, H. Partridge, A. Windle, the Misses U. Harman, M. Harman, M. Macleure.

The dances were: The Misses D. Smith, A. Robertson, G. Jay, B. McB. Smith, C. Macleure, M. McB. Smith, B. Macleure, E. Shaw, K. Brickell, M. Kent, Elith Helmecken, E. Moss, Ethel Helmecken, M. Croft, K. Munsey and Master P. Smith.

In the Garden of Live Flowers the following took part: Daughters of Pity—White Lily, Miss E. Bechtel; Rose, Miss K. King; Daffodill, Miss Hisecock; Violet, Miss Newling; Primrose, Miss E. Brown; Snow-drop, Miss Austin; Poppy, Miss N. Todd; Crocus, Miss Becker; Iris, Miss Colquhoun; Marguerite, Miss M. Fraser; Christmas Rose, Miss Brooker; Sweet Pea, Miss Dickenson; Carnation, Miss Baise; Pond Lily, Mrs. Watkins; assisted by, Blue Bell, Miss G. Powell.

Turk's Cap, Miss E. Titton; Forget-Me-Not, Miss M. Nason; Wild Rose, Miss Gladys Green.

The dance of the Bees and Bees were very well executed by: Queen Bee, Miss H. Morrison; the Misses B. Moss, I. Thompson, S. Davidson, W. Windle, I. Dumbarton, Edith McKinney, F. Dickenson, E. Dickenson, E. Dumbarton, M. Erskine, M. Holden, T. Thompson, Ethelene McKinney, G. Babinington, G. Royds, H. Simpson, F. Munzie, B. Morrison, B. Royds, the Masters A. White, C. Allen, M. Henderson, V. Langley, C. Hall, N. Dickenson, A. T. Roberts, J. Gray, T. Gray, W. Robertson.

In the card dance the following took part: The Misses A. Seabrook, K. Munzie, G. Royds, N. Spence, C. Goring, N. Combe, F. Martin, H. Petherick, M. Moss, A. Moss, E. Ross, E. Leigh, I. Brooker, F. McClosky, F. Royds, S. Allen, O. Lide, E. Jones, B. Seaver, E. Erskine, the Masters B. Hall, N. Seabrook, L. Ellis, E. White, W. Smith, E. Thompson, W. Allan, C. Hall.

The ladies who were: Mrs. Wilkerson, Miss Walbran, Miss Scott, Miss H. Leiser, Miss Leitch, Miss Spain, Miss Leiser, Miss G. Mills.

The managing committee included the following: Mrs. Titton, Mrs. Simon, Mrs. Herbert Kent, Mrs. Dickenson, Mrs. Simon, Mrs. Hasell, Miss Leuz, Miss Potts, Miss Leiser, Miss Cockrell, Bradburn, Bury, Solomon and Frank Watkins.

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THE TRAMP IS AFRAID OF THE DOG. WHERE IS IT?

In yesterday's puzzle, by using the left side of the picture as base, the native can be found toward the right. With the upper part of the picture used as base, the tiger is toward the right, about half way up.

WANTED.—A house maid. Apply Mrs. James Haymer, 157 Cadboro Bay road.

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WANTED.—A first-class grocery clerk. Apply The Saunders Grocery Co., Ltd.

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FOR SALE.—An almost new double seated coach. Apply to Wm. Male, Johnson street.

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FOR SALE.—Second-hand lawn mowers, plough, garden tools, sewing machines, furniture, beds, etc. At Eden's Junk Store, 125 Port street, near Blanchard.

FOR SALE.—A Victoria phaeton, property of Robert Irving, Esq., may be seen at my residence, corner of Cook and View streets; will be sold at best offer. John B. Lovell.

HAVING TO MAKE ROOM for Carnegie Library, I will sell all my second-hand goods at greatly reduced prices. Old Curiosity Shop, cor. Yates and Blanchard.

FOR SALE.—Two lots in New Alberni, cleared and fenced, corner lot, good site; also boat and boat house, T. S. patent No. 500,016, issued Sept. 14th, 1907; U. S. patent No. 626,080, issued June 13th, 1900. For particulars address R. M. Ellis, New Alberni.

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Published by the Victoria
Meteorological Department.

Victoria, May 27.—5 a.m.—The barometer
remains high over the North Pacific Coast
and low over the Rockies. The weather is
cloudy and cool throughout the province,
and rain has occurred on the Lower Main
land and in Cariboo. Local showers and
thunderstorms have occurred in the T-
erritories and Manitoba.

Forecasts.

For 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Thursday.
Victoria and vicinity—Light to moderate
winds, mostly cloudy and cool.
Lower Mainland—Light to moderate
winds, cloudy and cool, with occasional
rains.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.10; temperature,
46; minimum, 45; wind, S.W.; weather,
cloudy.
New Westminster—Barometer, 30.08;
temperature, 44; minimum, 41; wind, S.
E.; rain, .06; weather, cloudy.
Kamloops—Barometer, 29.88; tempera-
ture, 50; minimum, 48; wind, calm; weather,
B.C.
Barkerville—Barometer, 29.92; tempera-
ture, 39; minimum, 30; wind, calm; rain,
.04; weather, cloudy.
San Francisco—Barometer, 30.10; tem-
perature, 48; minimum, 48; wind, 12 miles
W.; weather, clear.
Port Simpson—Barometer, 29.96; tem-
perature, 42; minimum, 40; wind, 4 miles
E.; rain, .30; weather, cloudy.
Edmonton—Barometer, 29.74.

In the presence of 1,500 militia
and 5,000 people, Sir Frederick Borden dedi-
cated the monument erected in Jubilee
park, Brantford, to the memory of Lieut.
Osborne, Lieut. Builder and Corporal
Sheriff, three young Brantford men who
lost their lives in South Africa.

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THE COUNCIL TAKE ACTION ON HOTEL

DRAFT BILL TO BE
SUBMITTED TO-DAY

Water Commissioner Presents Schedule
of Water Metro Rates—Other Busi-
ness Before Aldermen.

When members of the city council
convened in regular session last night
they laid before them a bill which
on the instruction of Mayor McCandless
has been drafted during last week by the
legislative committee, providing for the
special legislation empowering the board
to grant the necessary concessions in
connection with the erection of the new
C. P. R. hotel on the terms offered the
city by Sir Thomas Shaughnessy. This
will be introduced in the House to-day,
and an effort will be made to see that
it has been put through if possible.

H. D. Helmecken, M. P., acknowl-
edged the receipt of a copy of the bill
providing for the necessary special legisla-
tion required for the erection of a new
motel on the mud flats as proposed, and
asked for a conference with the council.
The bill was, as follows:

"All that the lands on the foreshore of
James Bay, in the harbor of Victoria, and
in the land aforesaid, and now, from time
to time, covered by the waters of the said
bay, and the land from the extreme end
of the said bay and on the shores of the
said bay now covered by mud and refuse,
hereafter known as the mud flats in
James Bay, Victoria harbor (save and except
such portion thereof, if any, as is within
the provisions of the statute of British
Columbia, Chapter 45, of 1892, and all of
which land is shown and colored pink
upon the map signed by the Hon. Wilmer
Cleveland Wells, chief commissioner of
lands and works, and by Charles Hayward,
mayor of the said city of Victoria, and
filed in the department of lands and
works, at Victoria, the twenty-sixth day
of April, 1901."

And whereas the Canadian Pacific Rail-
way Company proposes to build upon the said
lands to erect a tourist hotel, and it is re-
quired that the absolute fee in and to the
said lands should be confirmed to the cor-
poration of the city of Victoria, so as to
enable title to be made to the Canadian
Pacific Railway Company, upon their enter-
ing into a proper obligation with the
said corporation to construct and erect the
said tourist hotel;

And whereas the construction of such
tourist hotel will greatly benefit the in-
habitants of the city of Victoria;

Therefore, His Majesty, by and with the
advice and consent of the legislative as-
sembly of the province of British Colum-
bia, enacts as follows:

Firstly, All that piece of land described
as follows: All that the lands on the fore-
shore of James Bay, in the harbor of Victo-
ria, and in the land aforesaid, and now
from time to time, covered by the waters
of the said bay, and the land from the ex-
treme end of the said bay and on the
shores of the said bay now covered by
mud and refuse, hereafter known as the
mud flats in James Bay, Victoria harbor
(save and except such portion thereof, if
any, as is within the provisions of the
statute of British Columbia, Chap. 45, of
1892, and all of which land is shown and
colored pink upon the map signed by the
Hon. Wilmer Cleveland Wells, chief com-
missioner of lands and works, and by
Charles Hayward, mayor of the said city
of Victoria, and filed in the department of
lands and works at Victoria, the twenty-
sixth day of April, 1901;

Secondly, Also all those pieces or parcels
of land, being all that portion of Section
VI, Victoria District, lying to the north
of Belleville street, and now in the city
of Victoria, and that other portion of said
Section VI, Victoria city, particularly de-
scribed as follows: Commencing on Mc-
Clure street, twenty feet two inches north
from the southeast corner of Lot 1270,
thence southerly twenty feet two inches to
said southeast corner, thence westerly
along the northern boundary of said Lot
1270, twenty-eight feet five inches, thence
easterly twenty-seven feet to the point of
commencement.

Is hereby granted to the corporation of
the city of Victoria, to grant, convey or
lease (at such rent, for such term of years,
and upon such terms and conditions as
may be agreed upon) to the Canadian Pacific
Railway Company, such portion of the
land as is described in the foregoing, as may
be agreed upon of the lands by this act
granted to the corporation of the city of
Victoria, with or without money considera-
tion; and the said lands, when so granted,
conveyed or leased, shall be held by the
said Canadian Pacific Railway Company as
the site of a tourist hotel, and appurte-
nances, according to the tenure of such
grant, conveyance or lease.

It shall be lawful for the city of Victo-
ria to grant aid, by way of bonus, for the
promptness of the construction, main-
tenance and operation of the said tourist
hotel, the following exemptions from taxa-
tion for a period not exceeding fifteen
years, namely: A total or partial exemp-
tion from all taxes, rates, assessments
and impositions now or hereafter to be
levied, assessed and imposed in the city
of Victoria upon lands and improvements
and upon personal property, and from
water rate or charge for supply of water.
4. It shall be lawful for the council of
the corporation of the city of Victoria to
make, and from time to time to alter, by-
laws for the purpose of enabling into ef-
fect the powers by this act given to the
said corporation.

Ald. Yates briefly explained the objects
of the bill. It had been drafted by the
legislative committee, and he understood
that it would come up in the House to-
morrow (to-day).

Received and filed, Mr. Helmecken
to be informed that the Mayor and council
will wait on the city members to-morrow
(this afternoon at 2 o'clock).

The Victoria Board of Trade submit-
ted two resolutions passed by that body
endorsing the proposition. Received and
filed.

The secretary of the Jubilee hospital

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wrote expressing regret that the meet-
ing previously arranged with members of
the council had not taken place owing
to a misunderstanding. Received and
filed, the meeting to be called by the
Mayor.

C. Silvert, secretary of the Victoria
Trades and Labor Council, wrote asking
for the appointment of a member of that
organization on the board of directors of
the Jubilee hospital. Laid on the table.
F. C. Davidge & Co., and Messrs.
Heisterman, on behalf of underwriters
whom they represent, wrote in regard to
rates on corporation workmen. The
former did not wish to accept the bridge
rates without those of the sewers as well.
Referred to the Mayor and finance com-
mittee, with power to act.

Grace M. M. Marshall requested that
some compensation be paid her for al-
leged damages to property on Blanchard
street, consequent on the building of the
Victoria Terminal Railway Company.
Referred to the city solicitor for report.
C. McK. Smith wrote objecting to a
portion of the proposed permanent side-
walk being laid on Government street
from the Victoria hotel to Cormorant
street. Referred to the streets, sewers
and bridges committee.

V. M. Booth petitioned for an extension
of the water system along Belleville
street. Referred to the water commis-
sioner.

City Clerk Dowler reported having re-
ferred to the city engineer for report the
request of the Sylvester Feed Company
for a permanent sidewalk in front of
their new premises; Scott & Peden's
complaint about drain on Store street,
and a complaint about a sidewalk on
north side of Beechy street. Received
and filed.

J. L. Rymur reported recommending
the payment of \$840 to Mr. Brown for
metres supplied. Adopted.

From the same official came a state-

LONG TIME

To Get Over Hurt of Coffee.

It sometimes takes a long period to
get over the effects of coffee drinking.
A little woman in Wadesboro, N.C., says:
"I was a coffee drinker and a sufferer
from dyspepsia, stomach trouble, ver-
raciousness and the train of disorders that
follow."

"On the advice of an eminent physician
I cut off my coffee allowance to one cup
a day at breakfast. That helped me a
little, but I gradually got worse, and
finally became ill, badly run down, and
so depressed in mind that I did not care
how the scales turned."

"At this time I was induced to leave
off coffee altogether and take Postum
Food Coffee. That was in September. I
had also a dish of Grape-Nuts for break-
fast. I practically lived on Postum
Food Coffee and Grape-Nuts for some
time. In November I had made consid-
erable improvement and knew that at last
I was on the road to health. At Christ-
mas time I felt well enough to go through
that glorious feast with comfort and
happiness. In January I was much im-
proved over the previous month, and had
lost a very considerable amount of weight.
Many pounds I don't know. My strength
and color were much improved. My ap-
petite and digestion in every way good.
I ate what I pleased and with much en-
joyment."

"About that time a Clergyman friend
visited us and on Sunday morning when
he was going to preach I had a strong
cup of coffee made for him because he
was in a run down, nervous condition
and said that he needed the stimulant.
Well that was a sad day for me. I
thought I was well enough to drink a
cup of coffee with him and did so. It
was strong, but did not taste right. I
was interested in his conversation and
found that I was adding, from time to
time, more cream and sugar, for some
way I realized the beverage did not taste
as it should, then I remembered it was
coffee and not Postum. I like Postum
better than I do coffee."

"That day the old symptoms of stom-
ach trouble came on, and while it seems
almost impossible, it is nevertheless true,
that I never got back again to my state
of health for about two months. The
coffee acted as an active poison that went
all through my system. However, I have
recovered by leaving it off entirely and
using Postum and now that I am well,
happy and contented you could not get
me to take a cup of coffee, no not for a
king's ransom. I believe I am one of the
kind that know when I have had
enough." Name given by Postum Co.,
Battle Creek, Mich.

ment of the proposed schedule of metre
rates as follows:

In respect of water supplied within the
city limits by meter to dwellings or resi-
dences situated on lots or pieces of land
not larger than 60x120 feet in area:

For each dwelling or residence contain-
ing not more than 4 living rooms, 70c. per
month, maximum number of gallons al-
lowed, 5,500.

For each residence or dwelling contain-
ing 5 living rooms, 85c. per month, maxi-
mum number of gallons allowed, 4,250.

For each dwelling or residence contain-
ing more than 5 and not more than 8
living rooms, \$1.10 per month, maximum
number of gallons allowed, 5,500.

For each dwelling or residence contain-
ing more than 8 living rooms, \$1.40, maxi-
mum number of gallons allowed, 7,000.

For each dwelling or residence situated
on a lot larger than 60x120 feet in area,
\$1.40 per month, maximum number of gal-
lons allowed, 7,000.

All consumption in excess of the above-
mentioned maximum quantities to be
charged for at the rate of 10c. per one
thousand gallons.

There shall be no charge for meter rent.
All meters to be read monthly, and the
accounts to become due and payable on
the last day of each month and to be sub-
ject to a discount of 10 per cent. if paid
on or before the 15th day of the month
next following.

These rates to come into effect on the
1st day of July, 1903.

Referred to the streets, sewers and
bridges committee, to be taken up at a
meeting on Thursday night.

City Engineer Topp reported recom-
mending that permission be given for
the removal of shade trees on North
Park street, and that a permanent side-
walk be laid on the north side of Cor-
morant street, between Store and Govern-
ment. Adopted.

F. L. Hughes and two others petitioned
for an extension of the sewer from the
west end of Vancouver street up Beechy
street. Referred to the streets, sewers
and bridges committee.

The finance committee reported, recom-
mending accounts totalling \$9,959.52.
Carried.

The special committee of the council
appointed to confer with the Tourist As-
sociation and Board of Trade regarding
the advisability of the erection of a new
C. P. R. hotel on the James Bay mud
flats submitted their report, which was
signed by the Mayor and Ald. Graham,
Barnard and Yates. Adopted.

Ald. Barnard pointed out that there
was a sitting of the Court of Revision
to-morrow (this) afternoon, and suggest-
ed that in view of the pressing impor-
tance of Mr. Helmecken's suggestion that
the meeting be deferred. If the bill was
not put through to-morrow (Wednesday)
morning it might tie up the scheme for
an indefinite time.

The Mayor concurring the meeting of
the Court of Revision was deferred for a
day.

Ald. Cameron's motion to provide for
the early closing of ready-made clothing,
outfitters and gents' furnishing stores
within the city was next considered.

A number of the aldermen thought that
the bill should include Japanese and
Chinese establishments, but the mover
considered this unnecessary.

Ald. Yates moved that the city solicitor
be instructed to make the necessary de-
claration in regard to the by-law being
in order, and after some discussion the
motion carried.

The meeting then adjourned.

EX-GOVERNOR MARRIED.

Mr. W. Ogilvie and Miss Richardson
Wedded at Paris, Texas.

Special correspondence to the Seattle
Post-Intelligencer from Dawson under
date of May 4th, says: "The Yukon has
been surprised and is in a mild flutter
over the announcement this week of the
marriage of former Governor William
Ogilvie, of this territory. Mr. Ogilvie
and Miss O. P. Richardson were married
at the home of the bride's parents, Mr.
and Mrs. James Richardson, in Paris,
Tex., a short time ago, and the news
has just reached here."

The bride is a sister to Capt. Richard-
son, commander of the United States
military post at St. Michael two years
ago, and of late stationed at Haines,
near Skagway."

Fire in Lake Port, a ward of Lacombe,
N. Y., has caused a loss estimated at
\$400,000, having burned about 100
dwellings, the Lacombe electric light
plant, bakery mill, blind and sash fac-
tory, and two churches.

PASSENGERS

Per steamer Majestic from the Sound—
Jas Polard and wife, Miss Brown, Miss
Judd, Geo. Hainey, Miss Blake, J. Sieriz,
G. M. Watt, J. A. Tobin, R. D. Young, Robt
Boyd, Dr. Hensel, E. Welch and wife, W.
B. Sweeney, T. W. Dunfield, W. O. Fox, H.
McKay, L. E. McNeil, F. Kiarish, M. Quinn,
J. G. Piercy, Mrs. Goodchild, F. H. Brackett,
Mrs. McNeil, Geo. Mathers and wife, Mrs.
Howes, Mrs. Stevens, V. E. Vickers, Mrs.
Ogden, Mrs. Sheas, M. Dumeld, Jos. Spof-
fard, M. Marion and daughter, Mrs. Cross,
Mrs. Downs, Capt. Kelly and daughter, H.
Malford, Miss Spark, J. Hart, Geo. Pettor,
C. H. Malford, Miss McKee, D. C. Hinton,
L. C. Newlands, Mrs. Edwards, Capt. Sears,
Mrs. Chaffee, Mrs. E. Scott, A. L. Arbal
and daughter, G. E. Hughes, J. McNeil, H. C.
Chelton, H. W. Bennett, C. Long, J. Wal-
lace, Mrs. Wallace, C. Leightford, Capt.
Myers, J. H. Corbett, J. S. Woods, J. Bellick,
O. Potter, S. Cullen, R. Peterson, J. M.
Adams, E. T. Turner, J. Myers, S. Brown, H.
Low, A. Tumble, M. Burrows, T. Richard,
T. Holber and wife, Miss Goldsmith, H.
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McGee, O. French and wife, Geo. Bishop
and wife, Geo. Addison, C. A. Butler, Mrs.
Black, K. Popart.

Per steamer Charming from Vancouver—
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Linton, G. E. Winters and wife, J. A.
Louden, Allen Parr, H. Payne, D. A. Keith,
Joe Martin and wife, R. B. Skinner, R. Tay-
lor, R. Tait and wife, W. Byers, R. Humph-
rey, Mr. Tiley, Mrs. Tiley, G. R. Reid, J.
Murr, G. A. Ewart, L. Blackwood, J. Thomp-
son, E. B. Morgan, H. B. Gilmore, J. Mc-
Millan, Mrs. H. J. Woods, A. B. Judge, Mrs.
R. J. Skinner, G. H. Cowan, F. W. Tinn,
Thos. Kidd, C. W. Monro, J. A. Mars, Chas.
Wilson, A. Wright, B. H. Hudson, C. H.
Bond, Wm. Gill, D. Warburton and wife,
P. G. Beard, O. Brechley, Mrs. F. C. Niven,
Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Cresse.

Per steamer Rosalie from the Sound—
Miss Duff, Miss Marden, Miss Workman,
Miss Grant, Mrs. Leitch, W. L. Gassan, A.
W. Thompson, F. V. Moffat, B. Hartley, Mrs.
B. Hartley, F. E. Houghton, Mrs. F. E.
Houghton, C. H. Dodd, C. J. Young, B. Ulla,
Mrs. E. Ulla, Mrs. Hopkins, Mrs. Pimley,
Capt. Turner, Miss Wall, Mrs. Emory, Miss
Watkins, Mrs. Cooke, G. A. Fraser, F. H.
Smith, O. H. Knapp, C. Hamilton, John
Johnston, Miss Moore, Mrs. H. C. Shelton,
Robt. Hadden, Mrs. Robt. Hadden, J. Hill,
A. B. Christian, Mrs. Beaguen, W. H.
Phelps, J. H. Matthews, Miss Tyrrell.

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H. Dinkin, S. Leitch & Co., D. H. Rose &
Co., Fell & Co., Mount & Wallace, San-
ders Grocery Co., J. A. Anderson, R. S. Byrne,
E. G. Prior & Co., Shawmigan Lake Lbr. Co.,
H. D. Moore, Weller Bros, R. W. Clark,
Hinton Elee Co., W. K. Leighton, Geo. Bern-
ley, Clayton & Costin, M. S. & P.

Archbishop Bruchas has sent a letter
to Mayor Cochran, of Montreal, refus-
ing to accept the grant of \$2,000 ordered
by the legislature of Quebec to be paid
to the monument fund of the late Arch-
bishop Bourget by the city council of
Montreal, because of the heckling on the
part of the council in not at once acting
on the instructions from Quebec. The
council referred the matter to the city's
attorney for a decision.



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WILL THE PREMIER EXPLAIN?

"Scandals never come singly" in British Columbia. Apart from the general slough in which the government has become involved, the head of it is now charged with a serious offence on his own account. We confess we are loath to believe Colonel Prior could have any part in such a transaction as that which he is charged in connection with the contracts for the hardware of the Chimney Creek bridge. But the matter will certainly be brought up in the House and the opportunity given the Premier to make an explanation. Unless the anticipated statements prove satisfactory there will be an end of a public man as well as of a Premier.

THIS END AT HAND.

The political affairs of British Columbia have been hovering on the verge of a crisis for more than two years. To-day they are over the verge and in the vortex. And a good thing it is for the province that at last there is a probability of a change of government, a general election and the establishment of an administration possessing the confidence of an assured and stable majority of the Legislature and of the country.

The Premier has asked for the resignations of his Attorney-General and his Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works. His evident intention is to anticipate the report of the Select Committee and personally take refuge behind the ridiculous plea that he was not aware of the things he now believes to be worthy of political death. We fancy that insane plea will have little effect upon the attitude of the Legislature, and we are convinced it will not prevail with His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor. Colonel Prior must have been quite as well informed a year or more ago in regard to all that was brought out before the select committee as he is to-day. Granting that he personally was not concerned in any of the deals, and that he did not connive at the passage of Bill 57, designed to open the House into doing for the C. P. R. what the government had repeatedly tried to do and failed, yet he was the responsible head of the Ministry. One of the fundamental principles of constitutional government is collective responsibility of the ministers for all acts performed as a government. If there are any variations in degrees of responsibility, the probability is that the greater weight rests upon the head of the Premier, who is the instrument of communication between the people and the representative of the Crown and the authoritative mouthpiece of the cabinet in parliament. The absurdity of contending under the circumstances of the present case that certain of the Ministers can be singled out and sent off into the wilderness bearing the sins of the government as a whole and leaving the Premier especially as politically pure and innocent of wrong as one of the pages of the House will at once be apparent.

The truth of the matter is that Colonel Prior was so eager for office after he lost his seat in the House of Commons that he would have gone into any government under any circumstances. The Dunsmuir administration was tottering when Prior essayed to win Victoria and turn the scale in his favor. He won, but in the contest he sacrificed what little reputation for rectitude he ever had. The record of that disreputable, deceitful campaign will be brought out in evidence against him if he has the opportunity to face it as a mere candidate for Legislative honors without the prestige which a place in a government carries. And if the Colonel runs at all he will assuredly run in that capacity. He is understood to claim that he has from the Lieutenant-Governor the promise of a dissolution. It is possible that His Honor granted the Premier a day or a month of grace when the government was in process of dissolution was formed. But if such a promise was made it would not have been taken

by any man but Colonel Prior to cover an indefinite period. If the Colonel desired an appeal to the constituencies he should have taken it within a reasonable time after the formation of his administration. He should have asked the country to approve of his choice of colleagues. Instead of taking the usual course the Premier essayed the task of converting a minority in the Legislature into a majority. Evidently he had more confidence in his ability to satisfy the present Legislature than to obtain the approval of the electorate. And who shall say he was not in that respect wise in his generation. But the point is that the Colonel having formed one government and lost the confidence of the House has exhausted his opportunities. It is not in accordance with precedent that he should be permitted to try his hand again, with the privilege of dissolution and an appeal to the people in the event of his succeeding.

AN ENDURING TOPIC.

The perplexing question of the relations between capital and labor appears to be no nearer a solution in the Australian colonies, where public opinion is very much farther advanced on the subject than it is in Canada, in the United States or in Great Britain. They have tried experiments of various kinds on the Southern Continent, with the apparent result that the industrial millennium is as dimly distant as it is in British Columbia, where one magnate is so obtuse as to refuse to recognize the right of his employees to organize; or rather reserves to himself the right to employ whom he pleases, and plainly intimates that he will have nothing to do with men who belong to any labor organization.

The London Daily Mail says:—Thirteen years ago the Victorian government attempted to put on one side the ordinary law of supply and demand. It agreed to the appointment of wages boards for various trades, which should have the power of fixing a minimum wage for adult labor.

Last session a Royal Commission sat to inquire into the results of this experiment. The report of the Commission has now been issued and affords instructive reading. It is charged with pungent criticism, and is the more convincing because the Commissioners are still supporters of the wage regulation principle.

A different wage board is chosen for each trade, and usually consists of eleven members, five each elected by masters and men, and a chairman nominated by both parties. In actual practice this usually means that there are five advocates of the employers' case, five of the men's and one, the chairman, with whom the real decision rests. In nearly every case the chairman is an outsider, who is chosen because he knows nothing of the business. Inspectors of police and clerical men are largely appointed. A schoolmaster decides the wages of the wood workers, a publican settles the rate of pay in the brewing trade, and an architect makes arrangements for the wicker workers.

As often as not, the chairman ends by an obvious compromise, such as splitting the difference between the two parties. Thus the bootmakers demanded 23 a week, their employers offered 30s., and the chairman ended by giving his vote for 45s. "On some of the boards," the Commission reports, "the proceedings have been marked by strong party feeling, and bitter personalities have been indulged in."

It is one thing to fix a wage, but it is quite another to find employers who will pay it. In various industries where the boards have decided on an economically impossible rate, the employers have replied by shutting their factories. The fellmongers' board raised the rate of wages about 15 per cent., whereupon the employers closed their doors. Some of the yards were afterwards reopened, but in place of 300 persons engaged in 1900, there were only 127 in 1901. The masters could not face foreign competition.

In the jam trade the fixing of a minimum wage has had two results. It has compelled the masters to pay lower prices for their raw fruit, and has greatly restricted their trade by enabling rival firms from other colonies to compete successfully.

In the butchering trade the minimum wage resulted in employers dismissing hands altogether during the dull season. Formerly they could keep them on at a reduced rate when times were slack; now they let them go. In the bread trade employers and workmen have in many instances come to a working agreement to the effect that the men shall secretly take less than the legal wage. The masters now demand that "since the state has fixed the rate of wages, it shall also fix the price of bread."

The Commission declares that the boards have made many mistakes. They show in detail that in a number of cases great injustice has only been prevented by the Ministry of Labor refusing to register the decisions. In one case, for instance, a general clause, passed without the board realizing its nature, compelled employers to pay unskilled workers of the simplest type at least 44s. a week. Some of the decisions have brought about results laughable in their impossibility.

But the most serious effect of the law has been a deterioration in the character of the workers. There has been "a marked decrease of industrial efficiency," to quote the words of the Commissioners,

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The following is from the Colonist, and is not intended to be sarcastic, but it is: "In trying circumstances he (Col. Prior) has proved himself altogether a man; prompt to translate judgment into action, actuated in his judgment by sound common sense, and in his action by the moral courage that is unafraid of consequences." Isn't that fine? Can any one question the sincerity of the "clear, ringing note" in it? Yet the Colonel must have known all that was brought to the attention of the public by the select committee at least a year ago. If two of his ministers were unfit for their posts then he, as a man of fine moral courage, should have discharged them on the spot. But he didn't. He invited them to join his government because he had either to do that or incur their opposition, and their opposition would have meant his defeat. That is the manner in which the Colonel has defied consequences. Now we expect the ministers will have something to say in their own defence, and the public will probably learn more about the fine moral courage of Colonel Prior.

If there is one thing more uncertain than a horse race it is a yacht race. Two years ago Columbia was more than a match for Constitution. Now the newer boat seems to be the faster, while the newest of all, Reliance, is evidently a pretty fast craft, but scarcely the witch the perforce imaginations of the patriotic American correspondents pictured her. Had the time allowance due Constitution as the smaller boat been deducted the contest yesterday would have been closer still. There may be surprises in store yet. Either old Columbia has deteriorated greatly or she was badly handled in yesterday's race. The probability is that if Barr had been at the wheel his old favorite would have been closer to her rivals at the finish.

We were about to say Colonel Prior would hardly plead with the Lieutenant-Governor for another opportunity, as it is manifestly out of the question for him to form a government. On reflection we are not so sure about that. The Premier and his Finance Minister form a very strong nucleus. And governments have been constructed in British Columbia of somewhat peculiar material.

In Ontario the investigation of the Gamey charges has been completed. The probability is that the government will be exonerated and the member for Manitoulin discredited if not prosecuted on a criminal charge. The investigations of the select committee of the British Columbia Legislature are also completed, and a report will be presented to the House to-day. It is certain what is left of the Prior government will be defeated and that a general election will be held as soon as the necessary preparations for the event can be completed.

His Majesty's battleship Hood arrived at Devonport recently after steaming from Malta, a distance of 2,035 miles, without a rudder. On docking at Malta it was found that the rudder could not be satisfactorily repaired, and that it would be necessary to fit a new one, which must be cast in England. The disabled rudder, weighing fifteen tons, was accordingly hoisted on board and lashed fast on the deck, and on October 21st the Hood left Malta rudderless, arriving at Gibraltar on October 24th, having done 981 miles at an average speed of twelve and a half knots an hour. Leaving the Rock on the following day in a strong northeasterly gale she ran into a fog on the last day of her voyage (Tuesday), but ultimately reached Plymouth the same evening, having made the 2,035 miles in a little over six days, or at an average speed of nearly thirteen knots an hour. This would be a good performance for any battleship under normal circumstances, but for a vessel without a rudder in a heavy sea, continually being twisted round out of her course, it is a feat of seamanship reflecting the greatest credit on her officers.

It is noticeable that two of the Vancouver newspapers are very cautious in their comments on the revelations before the select committee. They are quite convinced of one thing—that the C. P. R. is entirely innocent of guile and that it would not think of asking the government to grant it a hill top or a valley to which it is not legally entitled.

Mr. Eberts doubtless to-day feels like endorsing the statement of a former Attorney-General of British Columbia, now sitting in the serene atmosphere of the Bench, that the life of a Minister is "not all beer and skittles."

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Atlanta Journal.
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Can you make a burden light?
Go and do it, go and do it!
If you wait until the night,
Sadly, sadly, you may rue it.

Can you speak a hopeful word?
Speak to-day, speak to-day!
Soon the ears that might have heard
Will be deaf and "neath the clay."

Can you save a sinking man?
Do not wait, do not wait!
Haste to give the helping hand:
Another day may be too late!

Is there something good for you?
Speed to get it, speed to get it!
'Twill be lost unless you do,
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A VERY SAD LETTER.

Exchange.

The true standing of an editor is appreciated after death if not before. A lawyer recently sent the following words of consolation to the widow of an editor: "Dear Madam:—I cannot tell you how pained I was to hear that your husband had gone to heaven. We were bosom friends, but can never, never meet again."

WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Victoria Meteorological Office.

24th to 30th May, 1903.

The weather during this week has been for the most part fair throughout this province, though, owing to the barometer remaining high along the Coast and low over the mountains, the winds have been chiefly from off the cold waters of the Pacific. A general rainfall occurred on Monday, 25th; it was heaviest on the Lower Mainland and in Cariboo. There has not been any great heat in the interior yet, at Kamloops the temperature rose above 70 upon three days and reached 78 on the 25th. The weather has been quite mild in the Yukon, at Dawson only one light frost occurred, and the average highest daily temperature was 55. In the Territories and Manitoba there has been a great deal of rain, and upon Friday, the 22nd, a cold wave accompanied by several inches of snow swept across Southern Alberta and Manitoba, causing the loss of a large number of cattle.

Victoria—Amount of bright sunshine recorded was 47 hours and 4 minutes; rain, 7.5, 6.5 inch; highest temperature, 68.1 on 23rd; and lowest, 38.6 on 21st. New Westminster—Rainfall, .38 inch; highest temperature, 66 on 23rd and 24th; lowest, 34 on 21st. Kamloops—Rain, .18 inch; highest temperature, 78 on 25th; lowest, 34 on 21st. Barkerville—Rain, .56 inch; highest temperature, 68 on 23rd and 24th; lowest, 34 on 21st.

Port Simpson—Rain, .08 inch; highest temperature, 54 on 21st, 22nd and 24th; lowest, 34 on 21st. Dawson—Highest temperature, 62 on 23rd; lowest, 30 on 23rd.

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City News in Brief.

—Going to Vancouver or Westminister? Take the Terminal railway at 7.00 a. m. daily.

—The total clearings of the Victoria clearing house for the week ending May 26th, 1903, were \$310,218.

—Fast steamers for Skagway. Dolphin sails May 29th and June 9th; Humboldt sails June 3rd and 13th. E. E. Blackwood agent.

—The Central branch of the W. C. T. U. will meet to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock, when a paper on "Systematic Giving" will be read by Mrs. McNaughton.

Native Sons.—An important meeting of this society is to be held this evening at 8 o'clock in their hall, when the matter of a sick benefit branch is finally to be dealt with.

—The Lion brewery has been purchased by A. R. Wolfenden, of the B. C. Land & Investment Company, who has disposed of all the equipment to the Victoria-Phoenix Brewing Company.

—A meeting of the prize committee of the British Columbia Agricultural Association will be held at the city hall at 8 o'clock on Friday for the revision of the prize list.

—A general meeting of the Victoria Lacrosse Club will be held at the club house to-night after practice on the Caledonia grounds. Members are requested to attend.

—A permit was issued from the building inspector's office for the erection of the building on Government street, opposite the post office, for Rosten Bros. Elford & Smith have secured the contract.

—Two members of the British Columbia Steamship's Union are said to have been killed on the steamer Anson shortly before she sailed for the north last night. It is further stated that the C. P. R. Company will take the men back. This information, however, could not be verified to-day owing to Capt. Troup being absent in Vancouver.

—Commencing Sunday next, May 31st, the late to Shawanigan Lake will be fifty cents return, children under twelve half fare. In addition to the regular trains on that day a special train will leave Victoria at 2.00 p. m. for passengers wishing to remain over night at Shawanigan will be able to arrive in Victoria at 8.30 a. m. on Monday morning, on which day the suburban service will be inaugurated.

—A concert will be given this evening at the Metropolitan Methodist church, under the auspices of the musical choir of the Metropolitan and Centennial churches. Besides the excellent programme to be given by the choir, selections will be rendered by Mr. and Mrs. Gideon Hicks and H. Ives. Jesse Longfield will give a violin solo. There will be no admission fee and a cordial invitation is extended to all interested to attend.

—The United States government has taken definite steps towards an extension of the Alaska military cable north and westward from Sitka to Valdez. It means an addition of about 500 miles to the Alaska cable. The line from Seattle to Skagway by way of Sitka and Juneau and thence back down the Lynn canal to Haines Mission, the site of the new military post, was decided upon some months ago. Cable material is already being assembled.

—There were two roof fires yesterday afternoon. About 5 o'clock an alarm from box 14 took the department to the residence of Mrs. Berkeley on Church Hill. The blaze, which was in the roof, was extinguished by the chemical from No. 2, and Yates street. Half an hour later another alarm gave the department a run to No. 2 Phoenix Place, the residence of Mrs. Fraser, where a similar fire required attention. The James Hay firemen extinguished this blaze. The loss in both instances amounted to about \$5.

—The municipal court of revision this morning adjourned its sitting until to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock. Their deliberations were to have been resumed to-day, but in view of the council determining to wait upon the government regarding an amendment to the Municipal Charter, it permitting them to grant the commissions requested by the C. P. R. in connection with the hotel proposition it was necessary to postpone the sitting. There are only six more applications to be dealt with, and these will doubtless be completed by to-morrow. On the whole the reductions made this year have been rather light. They are almost all on improvements.

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—An invitation is extended by Weller Bros. to all visitors, who are requested to leisurely inspect the extensive stocks in their "Big Store."

—A conference between the school board and H. Dunnell, of the Manual Training schools, will be held at the city superintendent's office this afternoon, to talk over matters in connection with the continuance of the system in this city.

—On Tuesday, May 12th, at Porter, Wash., Miss Lizzie Hill and Mr. J. E. Morey, both former residents of this city, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. The ceremony was performed at the residence of Judge G. O. Butler.

—The Victoria Sealing Company has received a letter stating that the six men lost from the schooner City of San Diego, off the coast of Queen Charlotte Island on April 27th, and the boat missing from the Oscar and Hattie, have turned up all right. The men will arrive on the next steamer.

—The report of the city engineer on the Victoria Terminal railway was not submitted at last night's meeting of the council as expected. Mr. Topp has thoroughly inspected the ferry steamer Victorian, and is satisfied that she is entirely suitable for the purpose for which she is intended. He visited Sidney and saw the loading and unloading of freight considerably greater in quantity and weight than contained in recent cars, as required by the by-law. The report will be read at the next meeting of the council.

—This evening a meeting of those interested in the protection of game will be held at the Tourist Association rooms, when the constitution drawn up by the committee appointed for that purpose at a meeting held about a fortnight ago will be considered. Other business in connection with organization will be discussed. The object of the proposed society is not only to cultivate and preserve the trout and salmon fishing in the vicinity of this city, but to aid in the proper carrying out of the game laws referring to shooting of pheasants and grouse during the close and open seasons.

YACHT RACES.

Schedule Drawn Up—Some Exciting Contests Are Expected During the Season.

The schedule of races of the Victoria Yacht Club has been drawn up and provides for an interesting and exciting series of competitions. Three prizes will be presented to winners of the club races, and a cash prize to the victor in the one design class to be divided at the discretion of the captain of the class. The races will start off from the Rock, near Dallas hotel, at 3 p. m., unless otherwise notified. The schedule follows:

May 30th—One Design Class.
June 6th—Victoria Yacht Club.
June 13th—One Design.
June 20th—Victoria Yacht Club, for commodore cup.
June 27th—One Design.
July 4th—Victoria Yacht Club, may be at Port Townsend for international races.
July 11th—One Design.
July 18th—Victoria Yacht Club.
July 25th—One Design.
August 1st—Victoria Yacht Club.
August 8th—One Design.
August 15th—Victoria Yacht Club.
August 22nd—One Design.

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NORTHERN WRECKS TO BE VISITED BY PARTY

John Black, One of Expedition Which Has Left for Bristol, Colorado and Islander.

John Black, of this city, in company with a couple of Seattle gentlemen, has gone north on the American steamer Henry Finch on a somewhat unique expedition, the objects of which are to secure the gold in the safes of the wrecked collier Bristol, and the steamer Islander and to obtain the cargo of concentrates which was lost in the dismantled barque Colorado. The Finch left about a week ago.

Before proceeding to the scene of the Islander disaster, the Finch will visit the scene of the wreck of the staunch collier Bristol, in which Capt. James McIntyre, of Port Townsend, Capt. Roberts of Victoria, together with several of his gallant crew, went down to death. The Bristol, it will be remembered, went aground in a snowstorm over a year ago on Gray Island while bound north with a cargo of coal from Comox. The vessel struck a jagged rock and while water rushed in, her position appeared so stable that Capt. McIntyre refused to leave when over half of his crew took to the boats. Shortly after, the wrecked shore the Bristol was seen to give a lurch and slipping off the rocky pinnacle which had sustained her, went to the bottom, carrying down to death all who had remained aboard.

The Bristol is said to rest on a sandy bottom, and in comparatively smooth water. The primary object of the present expedition is not to float her, but to locate her safe, which is said to have \$500 in gold within it. The work of raising the vessel will not, it is stated, engage the attention of the party. After securing this gold the party may return to Victoria, or Mr. Black may return, and then the Finch will be headed for the Colorado to recover the valuable cargo, which was stowed away in the depths of the old barge, formerly the well known barque Colorado. At the time the Colorado broke from her moorings at Douglas Island, and after drifting out among the rocks, went on a reef and later slid off, going to the bottom, she had aboard a heavy shipment of the gold concentrates from the Treadwell mines. These concentrates have been tested and found to go \$40 to the ton. The next work of the expedition, according to plans now outlined, will be to visit the Islander. Capt. Finch, who is in charge of the Finch, is reported to have the wreck located and to have personally found evidences of her position.

C. P. R. STEAMER SERVICE.

A fleet numbering 61 vessels, plying in trans-oceanic trade, in the coasting service of this province, and on the inland waters of British Columbia, and on the Great Lakes, now comprises the tonnage of the C. P. R. Arthur Piers, the newly appointed manager of this big fleet, was asked on his return from England, a few weeks ago, if he could not indicate even approximately when an expansion might be expected to commence.

"I can give no definite information on that point," replied Mr. Piers. "Any expansion which takes place will result from natural causes; it will be the outcome of the circumstances that may surround the company at the time. It stands to reason, however, that additions to the Atlantic fleet, as at present constituted, must inevitably come. Out of thirteen vessels, although all carry passengers, we have only three which can be considered first class."

If, then, we find that the public is anxious to travel by our line, it follows logically that we must give them accommodation equal to, if not superior to, that afforded by any other line doing business in this port. More vessels will then be demanded, and following the policy of the C. P. R., none but the best will be built. And, indeed, there is no reason why vessels equal to any running out of Liverpool should not be devoted to the St. Lawrence."

"Will the same remarks apply to the Pacific service?" asked the reporter. "The three Empress steamships are already as fine as any vessels of their class in the world," replied Mr. Piers. "Built in England, they have a speed of 18 knots on the measured mile and 16½ knots on a 40-mile sea trip. But the people demand new vessels every now and then. Though only twelve years old, they are coming to be called 'the old Empresses.' It is more than likely, therefore, that new vessels will soon be demanded on the Pacific."

"If it true that the Empress boats, when superseded on the Japan route, will be made to ply between Vancouver and Australia?" was asked. "I scarcely think it likely," responded Mr. Piers. "There would be no money in it. It would be a purely one way route. While plenty of cargo could be obtained for the Pacific service, there would be nothing to bring back excepting a few bananas. In contradistinction to that we bring as much back from Japan and China as we take out. Some of the papers in

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BASEBALL.

WHEATCOM, 7; VICTORIA, 7.

There was a large attendance at the baseball match played last evening between Wheatcom and Victoria, which resulted in a tie score, both teams securing 7 runs.

When Wheatcom first went to bat the local nine seemed to fall to pieces. The twirling was poor, and almost every player earned an error. The result was that the visitors, although making few safe hits, brought in five men.

Such a start discouraged local adherents, but seemed to rouse the home team. Smith went first to bat, but was retired on a grounder to second. Rutherford followed with a single. Chase and McConnell each sent out three batters, both Rutherford and Chase crossing the plate. The side then took the field, three players having been put out.

In the second Wheatcom added another run. Kennedy made a hit and was brought in on Emerson's error in handling a pop fly from Janss. On going to bat, Haynes hit a hot one to right, through which he got two bases. Emerson came along with a smasher to the fence which brought in Haynes and placed him safely on third. Smith a fly to centre, on which Emerson scored. The innings closed with other two runs to the credit of Victoria.

The third innings was a shut out for the visitors, but the home team succeeded in adding another run to the fifth. Chase was done on a long hit by Chase, on which he got three bags. Barnes brought him in with a single.

Both teams were shut out in the fourth. Another run was made by the visitors in the fifth. Clark started out by a single, and made the round of the diamond through a three bagger by Janss. Barnes distinguished himself in the fifth. Chase started with a single, followed by Barnes with a triple, which brought in a run by Chase.

After a long stern chase Victoria succeeded in tying the score in the sixth. Wheatcom was first to bat, but did not make a score. For the home team, after Haynes and Emerson had struck out, Smith clipped in with a three bagger. Rutherford and Chase followed with singles. The game was full of excitement from the second inning. Chase's batting made him the general favorite. For four times at the bat he secured four hits, two of which were three baggers. Rutherford's catch in the sixth of a low hard drive elicited appreciative applause. A summary of the game follows:

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Mackey, s. s.	3	1	0	2	1	0
Spence, 2 b.	4	1	1	0	2	0
Kennedy, 2 b.	4	2	1	4	0	0
Janss, 3 b.	4	1	0	1	0	0
Hartness	4	1	0	2	0	1
Clark, c.	4	1	1	10	0	0
Olsen, p. and r. f.	3	0	0	0	0	0
Galski, c. f.	2	0	2	2	0	0
Dean, r. f. and p.	2	0	0	0	0	0
	30	7	5	21	3	1

Victoria.

	a.	b.	r.	h.	p.	o.	e.
Smith, c.	3	1	1	10	0	1	—
Risher, 1 b.	4	1	2	6	0	1	—
Chase, 3 b.	4	3	4	1	1	0	—
McConnell, s. s.	4	0	1	0	2	0	—
Barnes, c. f.	4	0	2	1	0	1	—
Moore, i. f.	3	0	0	0	0	0	—
Goward, r. f.	4	0	0	1	0	0	—
Haynes, 2 b.	4	1	1	1	1	0	—
Emerson, p.	3	1	1	1	2	2	—
	35	7	12	21	6	5	—

Score by innings.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Wheatcom	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Victoria	0	0	0	0	0	0	7

Summary—Barnes, Rutherford, Chase 2; McConnell, Barnes, Emerson; bases on balls, off Olsen 1, off Emerson 1, struck out, by Olsen 4, by Dean 5, by Emerson 9; hit by pitched ball, by Emerson 2, by Dean 1. Time of game, 1:20. Attendance, 800. Umpire, W. Hall.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON NEXT.

The University of Washington team is the next side to meet the Victorians. They will play here on Friday and Saturday. By defeating all the College teams in Washington, Idaho and Oregon, they have won the intercollegiate championship of the Northwest. Among the teams they defeated was the Mount Angel College team, who opened the season here, the Pullman College, the Whitman University team, the North Yakima semi-professional team, and several others. Their record is exceptionally strong. Lacerat at short being their particular star performer. Brinker and Teats are the team's pitchers. For the local, Emerson will in all probability get a the opening game. The Friday game will be called at 6:30, and the Saturday game at the usual time.

YACHTING.

SAILS FOR RELIANCE.

London, May 26.—The Pall Mall Gazette today joins in the protest against use of heavy sails on Reliance. It says: "This is a most unimportant proceeding. If the race is to be a real test of merit each yacht should be completely equipped in the country to which it belongs. If the defender wins by means of

British canvas it would not be an American victory at all. The only consolation would be that the superiority of British workmanship received so fine a testimonial."

ANOTHER VICTORY.

Glenora, May 26.—For the third time the swift Reliance won over the Glenora course, but it was only after Constitution had given her a game struggle. At the finish the new boat led Constitution by 2 minutes and 31 seconds. Columbia by 2 minutes away to the forward and outclassed. The manner in which Constitution outlasted the old cup defender of two years ago was the surprise of the day, as was her ability to keep close to Reliance during the first three lengths of the course, which was sailed twice over. Constitution lost three minutes and eight seconds while on the two legs. The second time around the triangle she gained a minute and 40 seconds, on the last leg, however, which was a boat to windward, Reliance gained more than a minute.

To-day was a perfect one for the race. The wind was blowing heavy 12 knots an hour, although it shifted back and forth. The official time of the race is as follows: Start, Reliance, 12:15:00; finish, 12:13:11; elapsed time, 2:57:11. Constitution, start, 12:15:30; finish, 12:15:02; elapsed time, 3:13:02. Columbia, start, 12:15:00; finish, 12:15:02; elapsed time, 3:13:02. Reliance beat Constitution 2:51 and Columbia 15 minutes 5 seconds.

THE BAR.

AMERICANS VICTORIOUS.

Yesterday evening there was a race between the junior four-oared crews of the James Hays Athletic Association and the University of Washington. The course was the same as that covered on the occasion of the celebration, and the contest was most exciting. The visiting crewmen crossed the line half a length ahead of the local crew. The crew representing the Hays follows: Messers, Dresser, Andrews, Austin and Crocker. The Americans are much elated over their victory. They have been in training but a short time, and their success has given them much encouragement.

ATHLETICS.

Y. M. C. A.'S PROGRESS.

The fitting up of the Young Men's Christian Association gymnasium is proceeding apace. All the apparatus of the Victoria Athletic Club has been removed to the Y. M. C. A. headquarters, and within a few days will have been placed in position. The membership of the gymnasium is increasing steadily, and it will not be long before it is one of the strongest numerically in the city. Nearly all the rooms are comfortably furnished.

A VALUABLE LAW BOOK.

Hamilton Times.

From the Carswell Company, Limited, Toronto, comes a book compiled by Hon. Archer Martin, Justice of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, and a judge in admiralty for that province, which contains the reports of the mining cases decided by the courts of British Columbia and the Courts of Appeal therefrom to the end of September, 1902, with a collection of mining statutes from 1833 to 1902, and a glossary of mining terms. Judge Martin is a son of Edward Martin, K.C., of Hamilton, and he dedicates the book to the memory of his great grandfather, Richard Martin, Esq., M.P., (surnamed "Humanity," 1754-1834), of Ballinacree Castle, in the county of Galway, Ireland, author of the act to prevent the cruel and improper treatment of cattle (3 Geo. IV., cap. 71, 1822), commonly called Martin's Act, and who in 1821 introduced into the House of Commons a bill to permit persons charged with capital offences to have the assistance of counsel (commonly called the criminal defence bill), which measure was, on its second reading, on the 30th March, thrown out by that assembly, as was also his bill for the abolition of capital punishment for forgery.

The importance of the mining industry of British Columbia may be understood from the statement that the output of all minerals in the year of 1901 was \$17,241,988. Mr. Martin points out that the gold discovered in 1850 on Queen Charlotte and Vancouver Islands, and on the Mainland in 1856; silver was found in 1858; coal was discovered on Vancouver Island in 1835. Necessarily there has been much litigation about the mines. The decisions are reported in the nine volumes of the British Columbia law reports, and (in appeal) the 32 volumes of the Supreme Court of Canada reports and various reports of the proceedings of the judicial committee of the Privy Council. But many cases of importance have not yet been reported, or are imperfectly reported, and many of those already reported are reported in such a manner that the application to mining is not brought, either in the index or otherwise, to the notice of the practitioner. Consequently, it was felt that the time had come when all such cases should be revised and collected together in one volume to be the first of a series of B. C. mining reports, so that the inquirer into the state of the law affecting mining rights and property could readily, conveniently and accurately inform himself on any branch of the subject without having, at great loss of time and labor, to wade through several series of disconnected reports, thus incurring the constant danger, even to the practitioner, of overlooking some important decision.

The author has included in one volume all the B. C. mining decisions hitherto reported, and several unre-

ported, and appealed cases are followed to the final Court of Appeal. Annotations and cross references are given at the end of each case, and full explanatory notes where necessary. An appendix contains a verbatim reprint of all the mining statutes, so far back as to cover the title to every existing mineral claim in the province; also a list of all proclamations, laws or mining regulations issued since 1853.

Not the least interesting part of the book is the glossary of mining terms, in which such words as breccia, building glory hole, hudge, moyle, muck, stull and tributors, as well as the more common trap, stamps, schist, shaft, sluice, matte and cradle, are defined. Many of the terms in the glossary have purely local significations. While such a work is manifestly indispensable to the British Columbia practitioner, it is hoped that, owing to the large amount of Eastern Canadian, British, United States and other capital invested in mining property in British Columbia, it will prove a great practical assistance to legal practitioners outside British Columbia, in enabling them quickly to advise their

clients of their mining rights in that province. It also will prove of much value to mining men generally, and managers and superior officials of mining companies. And lastly, it will be of value to those interested in legislation and comparative legislation generally. The volume is in size the same as the Ontario law reports (Cr. Sec.) and contains over 900 pages. It can be ordered from the Carswell Company, Toronto, for \$20 in half calf, or circuit binding.

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COMMUNICATIONS.

VICTORIA—PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE.

To the Editor:—Victoria's past has been disappointing, its present is unsatisfactory, and its future—well, it is of its future that Mr. Robinson is particularly anxious. I know Mr. Robinson, he is a good citizen and a fine fellow. I would much rather see him supporting, as all good citizens ought, than opposing the movement to secure a C. P. R. hotel here. My object is not to criticize Mr. Robinson's letter nor to argue with him, but to convert and to assure him most sincerely that should he continue to oppose this movement he will be standing in his own light and in opposition to the best interests of the city.

Some people think that the most "nervy" thing to do is to refuse to be convinced and to hold on to a certain line of action even though in their own minds they believe that it is untenable. Now they are not so, it is a much more "nervy" and a more "manly" thing to frankly join the forces of the other side.

Why has Victoria's past been disappointing? Because you could never get the citizens to pull together. It was next to impossible to secure any distinct benefit to the city, because as soon as one set of citizens commenced to work for some definite object some other set immediately commenced to "knock" it. This has not been the case in Vancouver. It has not been so in Seattle. Is the same course to be adopted now? Surely not. For God's sake let us be rational for once in our lives, and Victoria's future will be all Mr. Robinson and the rest of us wish it to be.

Mr. Robinson complains that the C. P. R. has done nothing for us in the past. The company, I dare say, may think otherwise and may say that no matter what their past policy has been they had ample reason for pursuing it. That, however, is not a Victorian opinion.

But is that any sane reason why we should not allow them to do something for us now? Every city in Canada that has "backed" the C. P. R. has got the worst of it, and not the company. Victoria has certainly not prospered. Can that be said of the company? The time for Victoria to cut off her nose to spite her face has gone; she cannot afford to do it.

Today is unique in our history. For the first time the C. P. R. has actually promised to invest a large amount of capital in our city. How did that come about? Did Sir Thomas come here with the object of seeking concessions from us? Surely people who think so cannot have read the papers. For months, nay, almost years, the newspapers and representative citizens have been begging the company to build a hotel here. The company has refused time upon time, and when the committee waited upon Sir Thomas the other day it is no secret that they expected to be refused again. It is only because of our "importance" that we have secured the concession.

Yes, the concession! Don't think the city is doing the C. P. R. a favor. The company undertakes to spend \$300,000 on the hotel—it will probably be \$500,000—and to furnish it, which will cost \$100,000 more, and we promise to give them, what? Not quite half of that unsightly, ugly, miserable mud hole that has been an eyesore, a leper spot, in the centre of Victoria ever since I came here. And if we should by any chance not give it to them it will remain an eyesore probably for the whole 15 years that the company asks to be exempt from taxation. The whole of the mud flats when filled in, if sold tomorrow, would not realize as much as the lot the "city retained" will sell for after the C. P. R. has got its site. For what purpose could they be sold? Business property is not in demand, and there are hundreds of desirable residential lots in the city for sale for \$250 each. But with a \$300,000 building in the centre of that reclaimed land surrounded with beautiful gardens and owned by a railway company able to bring from its own resources alone thousands of people a year to that hotel—the lots retained by the city will be worth thousands where the others were not worth hundreds. And all Victoria city property, with the friendship of the C. P. R. assured, is worth 10 per cent. more than it was a week ago.

But why this letter, Mr. Robinson? Have you not known that the citizens were endeavoring to induce the C. P. R. to build a hotel? If you were so much opposed to it, why did you not say so before? The press has known that concessions were being offered for that purpose, and I would like to see them come out now that it is an accomplished fact, and support the terms arranged just as warmly as they have advocated the project in the past. Our citizens who consummated the deal have only been following public opinion and acting in the public interest.

The venture as far as the C. P. R. is concerned will probably be a losing concern for several years, hence the request for exemption from taxation and water charges, but is the city any worse off? Does it cost them a cent? There might have been a howl if they had asked for \$15,000 a year for 20 years, and yet would anyone doubt that it is better to have the city? This is a proposition that does not cost the taxpayers one cent except for a little water, and in return we get a handsome building to cost altogether half a million that in a few years will be subject to taxation for all time. We get the co-operation of the most important railway corporation in the world, and the benefit of being included in all their advertising, which costs a quarter of a million a year.

Another reason why Victoria has never gone ahead is that whenever a good proposition is before the people some one draws a red herring across the scent. The reference to the Grand Trunk Pacific is another case of this kind. Why the device should a man give up his dinner today because he may get a better one tomorrow. Of course, we will hold up both hands for the Grand Trunk Pacific or any other railway that we can get into Victoria, and Mr. Robinson might have a mild shock if he knew that he was not the only one in Victoria who realizes the value of that road's connection and what some people have already done in that matter. But that is no reason why we should not accept the offer of the C. P. R. to build us a hotel now, that will practically cost us nothing. Why, that hotel would be a big factor probably in bringing other railways here. It will certainly fill every hotel in the city before it pays its own way.

A most reasonable one, it is fraught with great possibilities for the future. We have everything to gain and nothing at all to lose. Let us grasp our opportunity this time and don't pay any attention to prejudice, to red herrings, or to knockers, but simply be actuated by—

COMMON SENSE.

Victoria, B. C., May 26th, 1903.

THE LABOR PROBLEM.

To the Editor:—In the evidence of S. M. Robbins before the commission it is noticeable that he rejects compulsion in any form. Had been connected with V. C. Co. for 40 years. In early days urged the men to form a union. His policy always was to recognize the union and to employ exclusively union men underground since 1877, when the employment of Chinese was discontinued. Mutual confidence between the company and men had never been broken. No greater guarantee of consistency could be given than the fact of the officers of the company imposing on themselves the same reduction in wages as agreed upon by the miners in dull market seasons. When difficulties arose the management would hold conferences with the executive of the union, but under ordinary circumstances half-yearly meetings were held to discuss general matters in detail. Mr. Robbins found the men always ready and willing to accept such conditions as the company found necessary to submit to them. He at all times felt that the men should be perfectly free to join any organization they pleased. He is of opinion that the right of an employer to employ union or non-union men cannot be interfered with, but so long as the men were inclined to do right he made his choice the pleasure of the men, at all times following the line of least resistance. He is opposed to compulsory arbitration. A vast amount of misinformation and some information has been presented before the commission, and it is possible that witnesses who have given the question at issue the deepest study have either not been called or the most hurriedly disposed of, but, after all, as we prove a tree by its fruit, a man by the output, and a pudding in the usual way, so must the labor question be dealt with. One hundred men are called to state the best methods in fruit culture, 75 of whom had given the subject no previous thought, while 25 had pronounced views, although widely differing, but none of the 98 having attempted to show that their theories advanced had worked satisfactorily in actual practice, hence a competent judge would rule all such evidence as not being of a substantial character. There were two witnesses having larger plantations than all the rest, one of whom testified as follows: My plantation is mine, it is my own business how I manage my orchard. Commissioner—It has been complained of that pests have been permitted to grow in your trees, thereby endangering those in surrounding community. Your trees, it is stated, go periodically on strike and refuse to bear just at a time when all nature intends a heavy yield; do you think it is the interest of yourself and community that you proceed along other lines? No, that would be giving in. I won't budge one inch. My business is mine, and I will not be dictated to. You have been in the fruit growing business 40 years? I won't answer, it would look like giving in. Well, then, we will say that 41 years ago you were in the business? No, I wasn't for a year later. Have you succeeded in overcoming the ravages of pests? No. You cannot count on a good crop? No. Do you find your workmen easy to get along with? No. Have you in 40 years had a gang of men that for any one year you did not have serious trouble with them? No. Do you believe it safe to trust men in your employ? No; they must always be watched. By your self? No; I get other men to do that. What if those men bring in no evil results? I know then that those on watch are trustworthy and I put other men to watch them again. In the event of a bad report coming from the second or third order of watches, do you ever refuse to act on it? No. What if the report is a false one? No matter, it has to be acted on to hold the men in terror. Then your business as a whole does not run smoothly? No. Wherein does the chief trouble lie? With the men always. Commissioner, as an underman, "Densely misinformed and blundering stupid." Witness—Yes, any person of sense can see that. When a boy at school, there was one in my class just that way, and nothing but a firm hand can deal with such men. Leaving the stand with his chest swelled out, the next witness entered. In fruit raising business 40 years. Big plantation. Employ 1,000 men. Troubled with fruit pests? No. How do you overcome them? I trust my men to remove all natural food of the pests so they die in conception. By the way, have you ever serious trouble with the men? None. How do you manage so many men? They were long ago induced by myself to become a law unto themselves by forming a union, and having become self-governing with the true spirit of freedom in play, the rights of all concerned are respected with a measure of security such as no act of parliament could secure. After the country goes to the expense and trouble of gathering this mass of statements, don't you think that some kind of a compulsory spray would have a good effect? No. Ye do greatly err. I have with perfect success avoided any such remedy as being a perfect food for all kinds of pests. Can you demonstrate to the commission that the system advocated by you is the only remedy for evil in question? Yes. In 40 years I have with one serious trouble never induced a crop, whereas during any like period I question if the results have been obtained along other lines.

I submit that the opinion of Samuel M. Robbins towers pre-eminently over that of a multitude of commissions taking an opposite view, if not based on the same measure of practical experience.

NUT SHELL.

Victoria, May 26th.

THE HOTEL PROJECT.

To the Editor:—Thank you for your article in the C. P. R. hotel project. You put the matter in a very good way, and I now think with you that the hotel would be of considerable advantage to Victoria in a monetary sense, as well as being a fine addition to its public buildings.

I suppose that after all the efforts of the Tourist Association there should be a large increase in the number of visitors, and at the present time there are very few really first-class hotels here.

I was going to say only one, but some-

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body might object to such a stricture. One question which arises is: Will not the bonus be an injustice to the hotel keepers of the city? Of course, Victoria will never be a large manufacturing centre, and the hotel should endeavor to draw tourists by augmenting the natural attractions of the city in every possible way.

I am glad you pointed out my error as to the starting place of the Hamrocks. Englishmen have a very bad habit of calling Great Britain England and almost ignoring Scotland. Perhaps your timely reminder will prevent me making such a mistake in future and thus doing another "injustice to Scotland."

J. A. B.

Victoria, 26th May, 1903.

SLUMS AS SHOW PLACES.

The Bygone Exhibits of the Old London Police.

Sir Edward Bradford has lately told the writer of an article in the North American Review that he has done away with the practice of allowing police officers to act as guides to curious strangers anxious to see London's haunts of squalor and vice.

"I found," he said, "that the police were practically keeping certain places open in order to have something ready and handy to show to strangers."

In the early seventies Hatfield highway was the show place.

"It was usual," Montagu Williams wrote in one of his books, "indeed necessary, to get permission from the authorities at Scotland Yard for either a lodging-house inspector or a police officer to act as an escort."

On one occasion Montagu Williams and some friends with whom he had dined went on such a tour with two officers from London street police station, who, it had been arranged, should act as guides.

"Going round the corner of the drinking and dancing houses we witnessed some curious sights," wrote the man who afterwards

distinguished himself as a humane magistrate. "The women, thieves and other bad characters appeared to be on the best of terms with our companions, who were repeatedly offered drink, and once or twice invited to join in a dance."

An option was one place visited. "Our guides shook hands with the man who bossed the premises," and the man was "the pink of politeness."

Acting on the officer's instructions the visitors who were being shown round accepted pipes, took one or two whiffs, and put them down again. This was to "satisfy the laws of hospitality."

At one in the morning, when the party were on their way to "the Bridge of Sighs," they heard shrieks and shouts, and the cry of "Amok! Amok!" The officers were evidently much alarmed. "This way, gentlemen, and be quick for God's sake," they exclaimed, and they hurried also party through the nearest doorway and fastened the door. When it seemed safe to quit the premises an extraordinary sight met their eyes.

"There were pools and trails of blood, and here and there was the prostrate form of a human being surrounded by men and women half-distracted by grief and fear."

Even in 1892 the magistrate who was so anxious to better the dark side of London was able to say that Hatfield highway had "greatly improved." And it must certainly tend to the extinction of such pandemonium that the police are no longer permitted to play the part of showmen in them.

PROPER GREETING.

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Reiny—"Such a foolish speaking be it so. You shouldn't say 'How was your coat bla,' and it's it!"

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Giles—"Yes, I've noticed that every time you see a saloon you stop."

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WELLINGTON J. DOWLER, C.M.C.

City Clerk's office, Victoria, B.C., May 12th, 1903.

Corporation of the City of Victoria.

Notice is hereby given that on Saturday, the 30th day of May, 1903, at the City Pound, situate on Chambers street, at the hour of 12 o'clock noon, I shall sell by Public Auction the following animals, viz: one white heifer, two red and white heifers, one roan heifer, about eighteen months old; total, four; unless the said animals are redeemed and the pound charges paid at or before the time of sale.

F. GURAN, Pound Keeper.

Victoria, B. C., May 26th, 1903.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to make application to the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a lease of the following described tract of land situated on the shores of Buttle's Lake, in Comox and Clayquot Districts: Commencing at a point on the east shore of Buttle's Lake, where the E. & N. railroad land grant line intersects Buttle's Lake; thence along said E. & N. railroad land grant line in a southerly direction for a distance of two and one half miles; thence in a southerly direction following a line paralleling the west shore line of the said Buttle's Lake, and distant therefrom two miles to the point of intersection with the E. & N. railroad land grant line; thence southerly along said land grant line to the lake shore; thence along said shore by a southerly and northerly direction to the place of beginning, containing about 50,000 acres more or less.

WILL. H. PARRY.

Victoria, May 26th, 1903.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that at the next regular session of the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria, I intend to apply for a transfer to Charles Albert Stewart, of the said City of Victoria, of the license now held by me to sell spirituous and fermented liquors by retail, on the premises known as the Colonial Hotel, corner of Stinson and Catherine streets, in the said City of Victoria.

Dated this 7th day of May, 1903.

By his Attorney-in-Fact, John Colgarrippe.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that at the next regular session of the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria, I intend to apply for a transfer to Mrs. Carolina Fernando, of the said City of Victoria, of the license now held by me to sell spirituous and fermented liquors by retail, on the premises known as the Colonial Hotel, Johnson street, in the said City of Victoria.

Dated this 23rd day of April, 1903.

JOSEPH SAUER.

NOTICE.

All mineral rights are reserved by the Squamish & Nanaimo Railway Company within that tract of land bounded on the west by the southern boundary of Comox District, on the east by the Straits of Georgia, on the north by the 56th parallel and on the west by the boundary of the E. & N. Railway Land Grant.

LEONARD H. BULLY, Land Commissioner.

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